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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Neuruppin Area

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REMARKS

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1. Six JS-3 tanks and three trucks, one of which towed a field kitchen, moved from the See Kaserne, Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49), to the freight station between 11 a.m. and noon on 24 November 1950. Flatcars were ready to be loaded. Six JS-3 tanks left the barracks installation toward Storbeck (N 53/Z 39) at 7:45 a.m. on 30 November. About 30 minutes later, 14 groups of unarmed soldiers, each numbering 21 to 24 men, left toward the hospital. The number of troops in the See Kaserne was estimated at 1,000 to 1,200. Some of the troons observed wore tank insignia.

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2. Two-axle armored reconnaissance car [] with a hexagonal revolving turret mounting a heavy machine gun, and five sidecar motorcycles left the Fridericus Kaserne toward Neuruppin on the morning of 25 November. They were followed by about 12 T-34 tanks at 11:30 a.m.

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[] On 1 December, it was learned that the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied to excess by tank units numbering 5,000 to 6,000 troons. Four kitchens operating in two shifts served the troops.

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25X1 About 250 troops carrying carbines marched to the athletic field about 250 meters south of the installation at about 1:30 p.m. They were followed by a truck loaded with practice targets and other firing equipment. (1)

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25X1 assembled in the barracks yard, forming six 300-man blocks. (2)
 Some of the troops wore artillery insignia.

4. About 200 troops wearing black epaulets were quartered in three low brick buildings west of the horse slaughter house (Abdeckerei) on 26 November. Ammunition had been stored in these buildings prior to 15 October. Forty soldiers carrying axes and saws were seen leaving the billets toward Kuhburgberg. (4) The ammunition which had been stored in the buildings had been moved to the ammunition dump at the freight station. The private houses on the west side of Gentzstrasse had been relinquished to the German residents. Eight trucks [redacted] were seen at the ammunition dump near the freight station on 25 November.
5. Ten piles of bombs, each pile having four tiers, were seen in the restricted area at Paulinenaue railroad station. The restricted area was guarded by eight sets of two sentries wearing black epaulets. (5)

6. No Soviet Army unit was stationed at the Neuruppin airfield. (1)

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8. The MVD quarters on Warzecherstrasse was occupied by 150 to 200 troops wearing green epaulets. (7)

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Comments.

25X1 (1) [redacted] the Fridericus Kaserne [redacted] occupied to capacity by about 2,500 troops on 19 October.

25X1 [redacted] the troops belonged exclusively to elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div. Since the airfield billets were allegedly vacated by army units, it is possible that the units of the 12th Gds Tank Div, primarily the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, moved from the airfield to the Fridericus Kaserne. The regiment may be there only temporarily. The estimate of 5,000 to 6,000 troops appears exceedingly high.

25X1 (2) [redacted] repeatedly reported the Friedrich Franz Kaserne to quarter 1,000 to 1,500 troops.

25X1 (3) A report of 13 November [redacted] also indicated that the barracks installations in Neuruppin were occupied to capacity by component units of the 12th Gds Tank Div.

(4) The billets, which were reported on for the first time, were possibly occupied by an engineer unit.

(5) Soviet supplies are stored on the premises of a former brewery near the Paulinenaue station.

(6) Probably a small organizational dump, which was observed for the first time.

(7) Agrees with previous information.

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